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SUBJ: FURTHER THOUGHTS ON LOGISTICS AT LUANGWE

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1. FOLLOWING EMBASSY COMMENTS ON LOGISTICS AT LUANGWA OFFERED  
IN HOPES THAT SIZE, MAKEUP, AND REQUIREMENTS OF OFFICIAL  
PARTY WILL TAKE THESE FACTORS INTO CONSIDERATION:  
A. THIS IS HEIGHT OF TOURIST SEASON AND LDGES ARE FULLY  
BOOKED. SPECULATION ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON WILL BE RAMPANT  
WHEN GRZ ORDERS ALL RESERVATIONS CANCELLED.  
B. SINGLE PRESIDENTIAL SUITE FAR AND AWAY SUPERIOR TO OTHER  
ACCOMMODATIONS MAY CREATE PROTOCOL PROBLEMS IN LODGING  
PARTICIPANTS. FACT THAT ROOMS IN MAIN BUILDING AT CHICHELE  
LODGE ARE MORE DESIRABLE THAN THE MOTEL TYPE UNITS LOCATED  
ON HILLSIDE BELOW MAIN LODGE COULD ALSO CREATE PROBLEMS.  
C. EMBASSY BELIEVES GRZ INEVITABLY WILL BE REPRESENTED AT  
MEETING AT SOME LEVEL. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE 3-4 GRZ OFFICIALS  
(PROTOCOL, SECURITY, STATE HOUSE, ETC.) AS A MINIMUM THUS  
TAKING UP SOME OF THE AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATIONS.  
D. GIVEN PAST HISTORY OF INTERRUPTIONS IN SUPPLY, WATER  
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COULD BECOME A PROBLEM.  
E. WE CANNOT DETERMINE OUTPUT OF GENERATORS AT CHICHELE  
OR MFUWE WITHOUT APPROACHING GRZ BUT QUESTION WHETHER OUTPUT  
WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR RADIO CANDO PACKAGE. WE  
ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COULD BE  
INTERRUPTED WITHOUT WARNING.

F. SUGGEST COMMUNICATIONS ALTERNATIVES BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. IT WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH A VOICIE RADIO LINK TO EMBASSY LUSAKA BUT BEYOND THAT THERE WILL BE PROBLEMS. IS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF A SELF-CONTAINED AIRBORNE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WITH THE AIRCRAFT BASED AT LUANGWA SOUTH AIRPORT?

G. WHILE WE STILL BELIEVE GRZ WOULD DO WHAT THEY COULD TO BE HELPFUL, ADEQUATE FOOD COULD STILL BE A PROBLEM DEPENDING ON PROPOSED LENGTH OF MEETING. WITHOUT GETTING CARRIED AWAY THERE SHOULD BE SOME THOUGHT GIVEN TO BRINGING IN SOME BACK UP SUPPLIES.

H. WEATHER FACTORS: WE ARE MOVING INTO THE HOT SEASON AND LUANGWA WILL BE VERY WARM DURING THE DAY THOUGH COOLING OFF A BIT AT NIGHT. HUMIDITY WILL BE LOW BUT DUST MAY BE HEAVY. THESE COMMENTS ARE OFFERED FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFO FOR WARDROBE AND EQUIPMENT SELECTION PURPOSES.

2. DESPITE LOGISTICS PROBLEMS CITED WE BELIEVE LUANGWA IS POSSIBLE BUT ONLY WITHIN LIMITS. OBVIOUSLY THE MORE TIME WE AND GRZ HAVE TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS THE BETTER. WE DO NOT BELIEVE "FULL SCALE" SEC TYPE VISIT WOULD BE WISE TO TRY. LIMITS SHOULD BE SET AND ADHERED TO ON SIZE OF PARTY AND OFFICE SPACE REQUIREMENTS KEPT TO A MINIMUM. MOST IMPORTANTLY THE COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE LOOKED AT MOST CAREFULLY GIVEN THE LACK OF FACILITIES AT LUANGWA. CLINGERMAN  
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